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TAGS: PFOR, CG, US

SUBJECT: BELGIAN AMBASSADOR RECOVERS

REF: KINSHASA 10326

1. BELGIAN AMB VANDEN BLOOCK HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT, SUBSEQUENT TO EVENTS REFTEL, HE HAS BEEN ASSURED INCIDENT NOW CLOSED.

2. DURING AFTERNOON NOV. 30 DEPUTY FONMIN INONGA TELEPHONED VANDEN BLOOCK TO SAY GOZ UPSET BECAUSE HE WALKED OUT IN MIDDLE OF MOBUTU'S SPEECH AND THAT HENCEFORTH HE COULD NOT BE RECEIVED BY ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES. VANDEN BLOOCK IMMEDIATELY SENT WORD TO FONMIN NGUZA THAT HE HAD LEFT BEFORE SUSTANTIVE DECISIONS ANNOUNCED. HE HAD BEEN UNDER GREAT EMOTIONAL STRESS AS RESULT MOBUTU'S PILLORYING OF BELGIUM FOR EXPLOITATION OF CONGO DURING COLONIAL PERIOD AND TO DATE. DURING THIS TIME HE WAS TWICE SUBJECTED TO LENGTHY CLOSEUPS BY MOBILE TV TEAM USING STRONG LIGHT. HIS DECISION TO LEAVE WAS PERSONAL AND EMOTIONAL. AS RESULT EXPLANATION, VANDEN BLOOCK SAYS HE RECEIVED WORD FROM GOZ THAT INCIDENT CLOSED AND THAT "HE COULD PROCEED AS BEFORE".

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3. VANDEN BLOOCK INFORMED PM LEBURTON OF FOREGOING

BY TELEPHONE AND URGED THAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO
FACT HE WALKED OUT. INCIDENT HAS BEEN KEPT OUT MEDIA
HERE. HE ALSO URGED THAT MOBUTU'S SPEECH BE TREATED
CALMLY

4. VANDEN BLOOVV SAYS HE DOES NOT YET KNOW RAMIFICATIONS
OF NOVEMBER 30 SPEECH CONCERNING BELGIAN INTERESTS.
HE WILL MEET WITH BELGIAN BUSINESS LEADERS DECEMBER 1
AND WILL GIVE ASSESSMENT TO AMBASSADOR DEC. 2.
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